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Washington State Patrol - Fire Training Academy to be Recognized by Major General Lawrence Johnson

On June 1, 2004, at 1 p.m., Major General Lawrence Johnson, Commanding General of the 70th RRC, will be at the Washington State Fire Training Academy in North Bend to thank the Academy and its personnel for their support in training the 907th Engineer Detachment prior to their deployment to Kuwait. The General will be recognizing not only the staff of the Fire Training Academy, but also several of its contract instructors and members of Mar T Catering who provided hot meals for the unit during their training and stay.

During the period of December 1-5, 2003, the Fire Training Academy was able to provide the 907th training in Burn-to-Learn, Search and Rescue, Flammable Liquids, Portable Fire Extinguishers, Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting, and Multiple Company Operations. In addition, senior non-commissioned officers attended Company Officer refresher training and completed certification.

The 907th has been utilizing the Fire Training Academy for several years to obtain basic fire fighter training and to sharpen their skills in responding to different live fire scenarios using their command structure. In addition to gaining general training, the unit has utilized the Academy to conduct their yearly certification testing required by U.S. Army regulations.

Individuals identified by the General's staff are:

Dick Smith, Administrator
Mike Aboe, Program Manager
Paul Schroer, Lead Instructor
Shane Hughes, Lead Instructor
Tracy Caldwell, Plant Mechanic
Doug Baldwin, Plant Mechanic
Carrie Gross, General Repairer
Travis Welch, Contract Instructor
Eric Swobody, Contract Instructor

Mike Inman, Contract Instructor
Howard Lindsay, Contract Instructor
Chris Piper, Contract Instructor
Pat Cokewell, Mar T Catering
Ella Burnham, Food Service
Sandy Nadeau, Food Service
Wendy Gould, Food Service

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The Office of the State Fire Marshal is a bureau of the Washington State Patrol, providing fire and life safety services to the citizens of Washington State, including inspections of state-licensed facilities, plan review of school construction projects, licensing of fire sprinkler contractors and pyrotechnic operators, training Washington State's firefighters, and collecting emergency response data.

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